



Lifetime Legacy Award Guidelines **Deadline Posted on AAFCS Website**

The AAFCS Lifetime Legacy Award was introduced in 2026 and is designed to recognize and celebrate AAFCS members whose sustained involvement has shaped AAFCS and the profession.

Applying for the Award

- Any current member of AAFCS that has been a member for 10 or more years may apply for recognition as a Lifetime Legacy Awardee.
- Application materials are prepared by the applicant and must be submitted in English.
- AAFCS staff are not eligible to apply during their periods of employment with the Association.
- AAFCS Board members are not eligible to apply during their time on the Board.
- All policies, procedures, and guidelines must be followed for the award nomination to be considered for review.

Submitting the Application

The application must be submitted using the official application form. Once the initial application is submitted; applicants will receive a confirmation email and instructions on submitting all objective evidence.

Applicants are required to have achieved 9 of the listed milestones to be recognized.

1. Served on an AAFCS Committee.
 - a. Volunteer for an AAFCS committee: <https://forms.office.com/r/p1UMtmSafm>
2. Served as Leader of a Community.
3. Served as an Officer on the Assembly of Higher Education.
4. Served as a member of the Council for Accreditation.
5. Served as a member of the Council for Certification.
6. Served as an AAFCS Affiliate President, President Elect, Past President, or Treasurer.
7. Served on the AAFCS Board of Directors.
8. Published in the AAFCS JFCS and/or FCSRJ.
 - a. Review author guidelines and submit your manuscript: <https://www.aafcs.org/resources/publications-products/journals>
9. Presented at an AAFCS Annual Conference, Fall Workshop, or Leadership Summit.
10. Presented an AAFCS webinar, Virtual Professional Development Module, or similar.
 - a. Submit a VPD proposal: <https://www.aafcs.org/news-and-events/webinars/vpd-proposal>
11. Recognized for an AAFCS Award.
12. FCS Visibility Champion.
 - a. To achieve this milestone, you must have attained two of the below achievements (can be in the same category):
 - i. Been interviewed by the press about FCS.
 - ii. Led meetings with policymakers.
 - iii. Served on an expert panel representing FCS for a think tank or government type group.
13. Highlighted in an AAFCS Career Spotlight or Faces of FCS Story.
 - a. Submit your Face of FCS story: <https://www.aafcs.org/news-and-events/elevate/fcs-faces>

b. Submit a Career Spotlight Application:

https://www.pathlms.com/aafcs/product_bundles/10742

14. Reached 50-Year Member Status.

Please keep a copy of all materials submitted to AAFCS.

Evaluating the Application

- AAFCS staff will evaluate each application to confirm applicants have met at least 9 of the 14 possible milestones.
- Applicants found not to meet at least 9 of the 14 possible milestones may apply in future years.

Recognition of Accepted Applications

- Recipient(s) may submit their application and paperwork at any time.
- Each applicant found to meet the stated requirements will be recognized on the AAFCS website and at the next scheduled AAFCS Annual Conference.
- Recipients will receive a commemorative lapel pin.

Failure to follow the guidelines will result in ineligibility of the applicant for the award.